



Alfred "Al" Eidet

January 6, 1923 - November 14, 2018

Alfred "Al" Eidet passed away on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at the Glendive Medical Center in Glendive. Visitation will be held from 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. on Monday, November 19, 2018 and from 9:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. on Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at the Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at the United Methodist Church in Glendive with Reverend Carol Rahn officiating. Interment with military honors will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

He was born January 6, 1923, to Haakon and Ranveig (Helgeson) Eidet in Plaza, North Dakota. His parents were Norwegian immigrants. He was raised on a homestead between the two small towns of Plaza and Berthold, North Dakota. One of Al's earliest memories was starting grade school with a very limited understanding of English, as his parents spoke only Norwegian at home. The one room school house he attended for eight years was about a mile and a half from his home. He walked back and forth to school alone, which was quite a chore for a young boy, and rode a horse when he was a little older. Al was raised during the depression and because times were so hard on the farm he knew farming would not be his career. He left home at the age of 14 to attend high school in Watford City, North Dakota, living with the family of his mother's first cousin who he had never met. He was welcomed into the family and treated as one of their own children. Al graduated from

Watford City High School in 1941.

After graduation from high school, Al and a good friend decided to attend junior college in Sacramento, California. They purchased a 1926 Model T Ford with side curtains and wooden spoke wheels and drove day and night the 1700 miles from Watford City to Sacramento at the cruising speed of 25 miles per hour. The beginning of World War II interrupted his plans to attend college. Al served in the Navy during World War II as a corpsman. After his discharge from the Navy in 1946, he moved to Glendive to attend junior college. Al was called back into service in 1950 during the Korean War and was discharged in 1952, returning to Glendive.

Al met Louise Rumsey on a blind date in 1947. They were married February 28, 1948, at the United Methodist Church where they remained lifelong members. Settling in Glendive they made it their home and raised their three children. Al and Louise were married 56 years until Louise's death in 2004. He began working in the land title business in 1947 and worked four decades in this profession until retiring in 1986. Al received a commendation for 40 years of dedicated service to the Montana Land Title Association in which he served in a number of leadership roles. He was a lifelong member of the Elks and the American Legion.

Al was an avid sports enthusiast his entire life. As a young man, he played high school basketball. Later in life he was also an accomplished bowler and golfer and won many trophies in both sports including the 1990 Cottonwood Country Club Golf Championship. After retirement, Al and Louise spent winters in Hemet, California, allowing him to golf year round. He had three holes-in-one in his golfing career. Al was a strong supporter of Glendive and Montana sports teams. He also maintained a keen interest in televised sports. Al was preceded in death by his wife Louise, his parents, and his brother Norman.

He is survived by his three children, Gary Eidet and his wife Isabelle of Sarasota, FL; Linda Eidet and her husband David Zimmerman of Helena, MT; and Irene Martin and her husband Jack of Bozeman, MT; four grandchildren

Erik Eidet and his wife Janel; Jason Eidet; Ailsa Eidet; and Tiffany Heydon; and two great-grandchildren Esteban and Evan Eidet.

Al was a wonderful, caring Dad and Grandpa loved and admired by his family. He was an independent, proud Norwegian-American and lived life his own, unique way.

Memorials in Al's name may be made to the Glendive United Methodist Church for the Parsonage Fund at: 209 N Kendrick Ave. Glendive, MT 59330. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: www.silhafuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Dawson Memorial Cemetery

2816 West Towne Street
Glendive, MT 59330

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **19**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Home
221 North Meade Avenue
Glendive, MT 59330

Visitation

NOV **20**. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

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Funeral Service

NOV **20**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (MT)

United Methodist Church
206 West Towne Street
Glendive, MT 59330

Tribute Wall



“ Alfred "Al" Eidet

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ Linda:

My Sympathies to you and your Family, always enjoyed doing business with him when I Managed the BN Credit Union, a true Gentleman .

Chuck Heinrich

Chuck Heinrich - November 25, 2018 at 04:03 PM



“ *Mr. Eidet was one of the nicest men I ever met. i remember his great smile and always being so positive. He was a real world example of class and kindness.*

Eric Manegold

Eric Manegold - November 23, 2018 at 11:34 AM



I share the same feelings many had of Al, a wonderful, kind guy! Really enjoyed visiting with him at coffee, always a positive experience!

kevin McGovern - November 25, 2018 at 07:12 PM

BW

“ *Becky Ward lit a candle in memory of Alfred "Al" Eidet*



Becky Ward - November 20, 2018 at 02:53 PM

BH

“ *Sending my Thoughts & Prayers to all the Family! I am so sorry for you Loss.*



Betty Hendrickson - November 19, 2018 at 07:05 PM

CD

“ *Carole J. Diede lit a candle in memory of Alfred "Al" Eidet*



Carole J. Diede - November 19, 2018 at 02:03 PM

OY

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you purchased the Cherished Memories for the family of Alfred "Al" Eidet.*



Our thoughts and prayers are with you - November 19, 2018 at 09:50 AM

LF

“ Linda Thomson Frank lit a candle in memory of Alfred "Al" Eidet



Linda Thomson Frank - November 18, 2018 at 06:29 PM

SK

“ Susan & Ken Tucker and Mary & Rick Kerin purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Alfred "Al" Eidet.



Susan & Ken Tucker and Mary & Rick Kerin - November 18, 2018 at 03:45 PM

TO

“ Dear Linda & Dave, Irene:
I am sorry to hear about your dad. I always thought that your mom and dad were the best. Though I have not seen you in a long time, I often think of you all and always hope life has been good to you.
Blessings and fond memories for your family, tom

Tom - November 18, 2018 at 08:01 AM

TO

“ Dear Linda & Dave and Irene"
I am sorry to hear about your dad. I thought your mom and dad were two of the best. Though I have not seen you in a long time, I often think of you and always hope life has been good to you.
Peace and Blessings, Tom

Tom - November 17, 2018 at 05:16 PM

MK

“ Al was a wonderful gentleman that impacted our lives almost from our first month in Glendive. He and Charlie were on the same bowling team from 1966 until 1992. Al was also responsible for introducing us to the wonderful game of golf and steering us to wonderful babysitters. He was a very important part of our lives.

Myrna Kintz - November 17, 2018 at 10:44 AM

GE

“ Irene, Linda and Gary, I am so sorry to hear of Al's passing, I so enjoyed visiting with Al when I would see him. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you,

Grace Koffler Evinrude - November 17, 2018 at 07:23 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Alfred "Al" Eidet.



November 16, 2018 at 10:39 PM

AE

“ Ailsa Eidet purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Alfred "Al" Eidet.



Ailsa Eidet - November 16, 2018 at 02:21 PM

SC

“ Sorry to hear of Al's passing. Wow, 95, what a great life! Cherish the memories. Hugs to the family.
Arvid and Sherry Corneliusen

Sherry Corneliusen - November 16, 2018 at 10:46 AM